



Bridging the Gap - Involving new professionals in the international development of our profession in the digital world

IFLA Workshop

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What to expect

Introduction (20 min)

General Introduction – Ellen R. Tise

- Brief introduction to IFLA
- New IFLA website
- What is digital in IFLA?

Initiatives regarding New Professionals – Sebastian Wilke

- IFLA Education & Training Section
- IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group

Brainstorming session (40 min)

Conclusions and wrap up (30 min)



IFLA in general

- **What ?**
 - International NGO based in The Hague (Netherlands) / Umbrella organisation for libraries
 - Active since 1927
- **How ?**
 - Member based; over 1600 member in 150 countries;
 - Global voice of libraries and information services: lobby, networking, professional development



International IFLA Staff

- **3 Regional offices :**
 - IFLA Africa – Pretoria, South Africa
 - IFLA Asia & Oceania – Singapore
 - IFLA Latin America & Caribbean – Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
- **4 Language centers :**
 - Arabic – in Egypt
 - French for Africa – in Senegal
 - Russian – Russian Federation
 - Chinese – in China

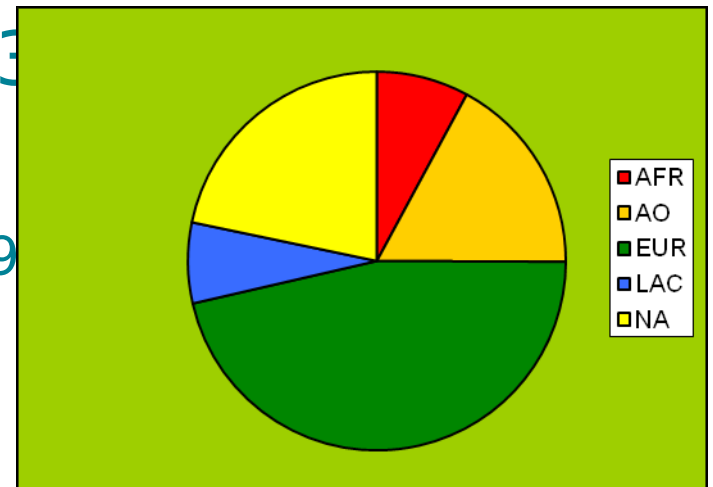


IFLA's intellectual capital:

Members

- International Associations
- National Associations
- Institutions
- Personal Members
- Student Members (33)

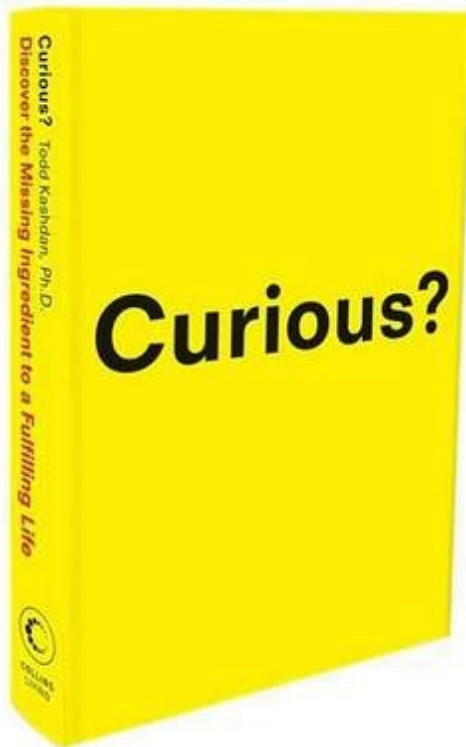
1610 members (December 2009)



What does IFLA membership bring you?

You can define your profession

- Decide what's on the agenda - globally
- Make a definite difference
- Keep up-to-date
- Reciprocal benefit: help others and help yourself
- Network and collaborate

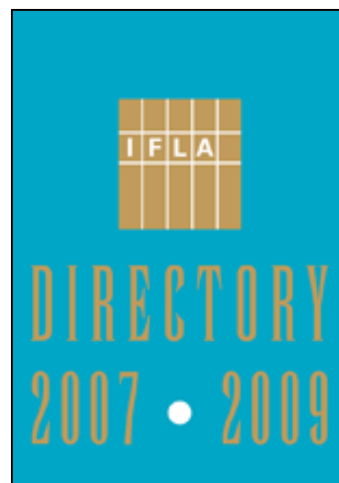
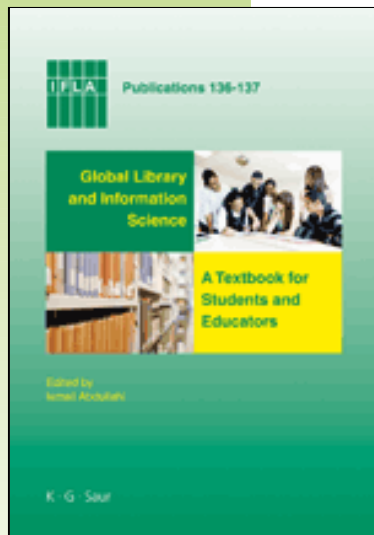
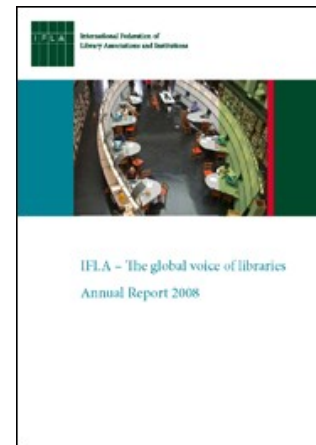
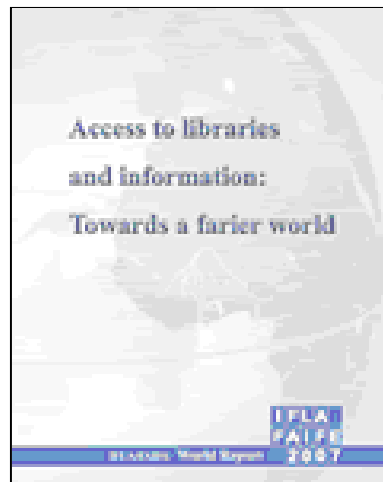


IFLA Annual Congress




10-15 August 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden

IFLA Publications



IFLA and the Digital: www.ifla.org




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IFLA for:

Librarians & Institutions everywhere
IFLA is the global voice of the library and information profession

Members
IFLA for its members

The Press
Introduction to IFLA for members of the Press worldwide

LATEST NEWS




IFLA at the Frankfurt Bookfair, October 2009
Just as in previous years, IFLA had a presence at this year's Frankfurt Bookfair
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Gothenburg 2010 Calls for Papers
Calls for papers are coming in from IFLA Sections, Core Activities, and Special Interest Groups...
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IFLA Senior Policy Advisor reports from the Internet Governance Forum, Sharm-El-Sheikh,

HIGHLIGHTS



LIBRARY SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SECTION
Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award
The Library Services to People with Special Needs Section has been nominated for the 2010 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award!
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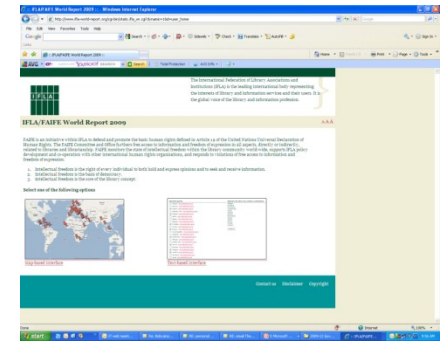


EDUCATION AND TRAINING SECTION
Adopt a Student!

Libraries

And more:

- Digital Library Futures Conference in Milan
+ follow up in Gothenburg
- Digital Library Manifesto
- Guidelines for Digital Libraries
- IFLA World Report (beta testers wanted!)





Initiatives regarding New Professionals

- IFLA Education & Training Section
„Adopt a Student!“-Programme
IFLA LIS Student Paper Award
- IFLA New Professionals Special Interest Group
Background & Activities
Re-defining mission and objectives



„Adopt a Student!“-Programme

The idea

Private and company sponsors play the role of LIS students' mentors through taking over the fee for a 1 year IFLA student membership

Benefits

- IFLA membership and one free section membership
- One-year free subscription to the IFLA J urnal
- Networking!

<http://www.ifla.org/en/set/adopt-a-student>

IFLA LIS Student Paper Award



- Encouraging students to submit papers to the current IFLA Congress Theme
- Rewards for best student paper submissions
- 1st place award includes:
Current IFLA Congress registration fee
plus grant for airfare and lodging
1 year's free IFLA membership and
publication of the paper in the IFLA Journal

New Professionals Special Interest Group

Founded in 2004 (New Professionals Discussion Group)

Listserv with more than 500 members

Programmes at each IFLA Congress since 2000

IFLA 2009 – Satellite Meeting:

"Moving In, Moving Up, and Moving On: Strategies for Regenerating the Library and Information Profession"



NPSIG wants you!

- Changing needs and challenges regarding new professionals entering the profession (generational shift, changing job profiles and workplace environments, new leadership skills etc.)
- IFLA New Professionals SIG – a forum for discussion of current issues and for global networking of new professionals
- students need to get more involved in IFLA to actively deal with these aspects and thus help developing the profession
- Re-structuring mission and objectives of the NPSIG
→ become a part of it!

Let's stay in touch!

Mailing list – submissions:
npdg-l@infoserv.inist.fr

New Professionals SIG Blog:
<http://npsig.wordpress.com/>

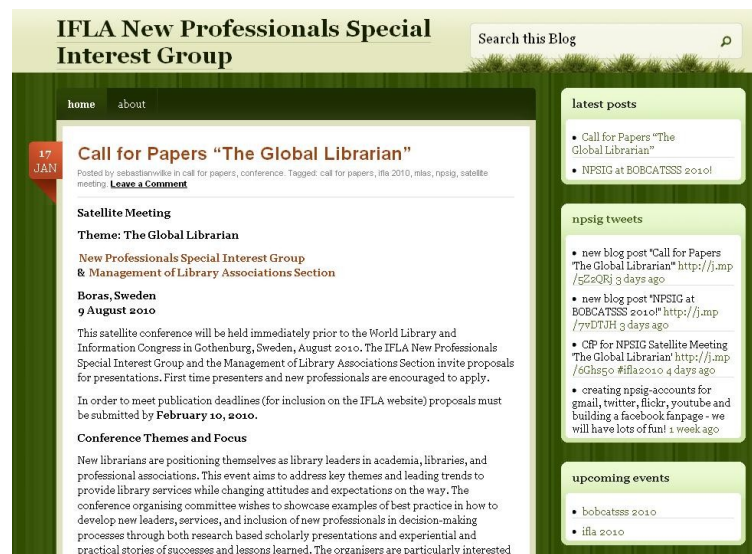


NPSIG Fanpage

<http://twitter.com/npsig>



NPSIG
photostream





It's time for brainstorming!

- 40 minutes
- 6 groups, each discussing one of the following three topics
- Roving moderators
- Presentation of findings





1. Support on a national level

- Are there groups for new professionals in your country?
- What does your national organisation(s) do to support new professionals (scholarships, discounts, awards, special conferences and so on) and are you satisfied with this support?
- How can this support be improved?





2. Recruitment on an international level

- How can new professionals become more motivated and involved in professional activities?
- What are the challenges for new information professionals and what can be done to meet them?
- What should be the main goals and activities of IFLA / NPSIG?





3. Web-based component / digital platform

- What would new professionals like to do in the digital area of the international IFLA network?
- Which kind of web-based component would be useful to help new professionals getting more involved in the IFLA community?





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joining our
worldwide network?

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